Contract with Shell India Private Limited

*320. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shell India Private Limited has signed a contract with Government to improve the efficiency of four major Indian refineries at Mathura, Chennai, Vizag and Kochi; and

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the contract signed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) Government has not signed any contract with Shell India Private Limited. However, Centre for High Technology (CHT), a registered society under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, has signed an agreement with Shell Global Solutions International B.V. (Shell GSI) of the Netherlands for an "Integrated Business Improvement Programme" for these four refineries.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Projected capacity in airlines sector

2262. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether travel industry estimates project passenger growth for airlines sector at 250 per centover the coming five years whereas capacity growth will be around 350 per cent for the same period;

(b) if so, whether this will result in gross overcapacity forcing the air carriers to raise their unremuneratively low fares; and

(c) whether in such a scenario, the national carrier Indian should concentrate on profitability rather than market share as it did for the current fiscal year making a net profit of Rs. 68.00 crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) While varying projections have been